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NOTE AND COMMENT

The Canadian Parliament seems particularly loth to make any change in the divorce law of the country. The other day Senator Cloran introduced a bill to make the remarriage of the guilty party to a divorcee invalid in Canada, not an unreasonable provision, but the measure was speedily thrown out. The need is very pressing for a thorough-going revision of our divorce arrangements. When it is suggested, we are reminded of the enormous evils which follow the weakening of the marriage bond, and told to be mindful of the example of other countries, where divorce is easily obtained. But our present system is open to criticism not because it restricts the grounds on which marital ties are dissolved. We do not want to see these altered in any particular. But we are anxious that the opportunity of securing divorce should be equal to rich and poor. As it is now, a man or woman, who has sufficient money to put a divorce bill through parliament, may obtain relief, but if these means are lacking, no divorce may be had. Nothing could be more unfair or more out of keeping with the general character of our institutions.

This dispatch was sent out from Chicago last week: "Mrs. Ada Bowins, a young woman of Toronto, Canada, is making inquiries here as to the possibilities for obtaining a divorce from her husband, who is also a Canadian. The woman's inquiries are made especially respecting the cost of the proceedings, as she has found out it would be too expensive for her to get one through the Canadian Senate at Ottawa."

The Toronto Globe made enquiries and found that Mrs. Bowins had consulted a lawyer in that city who thought the cost would be in the neighborhood of \$450, which she was in no position to pay. She therefore gave up all thought of getting any relief in Canada and directed her attention to the laws of Chicago. Mrs. Bowins, who is twenty eight years of age, has been married for twelve years, and has four children who are at present with their grandparents. Her husband has been separated from her from the past six years, during which he has spent several terms in prison, his first conviction being for cattle stealing.

Is it right that a poor woman like this should be denied the relief that she is entitled to by every consideration of justice, because of her lack of means?

The Vegreville Observer in its report of a Conservative gathering in that town says: "Mr. Hellwig of Edmonton, a Rutherfordian, said that he had been disappointed by the Liberals. He had been promised money to vote for Liberal candidates and the money had not been forthcoming. He said they would not stand it any longer."

Some explanation of Mr. Hellwig's speech is due. What is his guarantee against disappointment at the hands of the Conservatives?

Toronto Saturday Night makes some "odoriferous" comparisons between departments at Ottawa, in the course of which it says: "Under Sir William Mulock, the postal department was so managed as to give the whole administration a reputation."

Saturday Night should specify the kind of reputation that it means. It is true that the post office administration did give the government a reputation in this part of the country, but not of the character that wins elections. The credit that was so widely given Sir William Mulock was not at all deserved. It was the result of good press agency work not of genuine merit. The post office department did accumulate

. . . Farm Scenes Near Edmonton . . .



One of Mr. Thomas Daly's famous oat fields at Clover Bar



A barley field at Mr. D. W. Warner's, three miles east of the city

The above are two illustrations from a special edition of the Alberta Homestead, issued during the past week from the presses of the News Publishing Co., to illustrate the resources of the province. The literary work has for the most part been under the direction of the associate editor of the Alberta Homestead, Mr. W. F. Stevens, and reflects the greatest credit upon him. As a means of attracting to the province the class of people whom the province is most anxious to secure, those who will take up agricultural pursuits, this special edition will serve a most useful purpose. Copies of the issue may be secured at the office of the News Publishing Company at ten cents apiece. Those who wish to make known the resources of the province to their friends could not find a better medium.

suspects but as to keeping in touch with the growing needs of the country, it fell down most miserably. It is only within the last year or so that after constant newspaper agitation this part of the country has been looked after anything like satisfactorily.

Hon. Leslie Shaw, former secretary of the United States Treasury, under President Roosevelt, when in Montreal the other day had something to say about Canadian development:

"We are not jealous of your wonderful heritage," he declared. "On the contrary, we rejoice at your splendid development and the stability of your institutions. In early days the United States was generous to the promoters and railway builders and we obtained good results, and this country is following in our footsteps and the same success will be yours. Our railway companies sold a good deal of their lands from three to five dollars an acre and now owners are selling the same land at from fifty to seventy five dollars and buying more up in Canada at from ten to fifteen."

Discussing a remark that the Canadian West would never accept a protectionist policy, the ex-secretary said:

"Have no fear on that point; that Western country of yours will become strongly protectionist."

"Would you be a Protectionist if you were Canadian?"

"I would certainly be a Protectionist and my advice is to legislate for the Dominion of Canada and for Canada alone."

If the people of the west do not develop protectionist sympathies any more rapidly than they accept my advice about being generous to promoters and railway builders, no low tariff man need have any

fears as to the future. Mr. Shaw about at the last session of the provincial legislature. That it was in the public interests the Saturday News was quite convinced.

Whether it proves in the interests of the government is, however, another matter. What must always prove an obstacle to progress in this direction is the fact that those who call most loudly for these changes are very slow to show their appreciation of that who bring them about and that a party, which undertakes action along such lines, for which it has created antagonisms for which it does not receive the compensation that it has a right to expect. This is being illustrated in Britain just as at present, where the Liberal Government, as a result of its Licensing Bill, has received the most severe blows that have come to it since it succeeded to power, several overwhelming changes having taken place at by-elections. At this distance, it looks as if it had made a tactical mistake, with free trade still to be defended.

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Rev. Mr. Fortune the secretary of the Moral Reform League, stated at Calgary last Sunday that the ten o'clock closing meant a reduction of at least \$1,500,000 in the money that passed over the bars of the province in the course of a year. The figure is probably not at all exaggerated and serves to give an idea of the extent of the change brought

about at the last session of the North West Territories, as well as from other communities, must be men prepared to take an extra three years in special preparation for the work of life. If these highly trained men are not wanted in the North West, candidates who are to work out their career in those provinces should not apply for scholarships."

But this is merely a statement of fact, which no one is inclined to dispute. The opinions based upon it which were expressed by the Saturday News still stand.

The new British Premier, Mr. Asquith, is now in office and as the Saturday News goes to press, the announcement of the redistribution of portfolios is momentarily expected. Two young men, who, it is evident, are slated for advancement are David Lloyd-George and Winston Churchill, both of whom are bound to make their mark in public life. Mr. Asquith's task is no small one and though in downright ability he is undoubtedly the superior of his predecessor, it is extremely doubtful if he will succeed in the measure that the genial Campbell-Bannerman did in holding the diverse elements of his party together.

A saving of \$14,063 has been effected in the cost of paving First street and Namayo Avenue. The city engineer made the claim that the figure presented by the Bitulithic and Contracting Co. for the work was too high by that sum. The first result was the company's coming down \$9,000 in its price. Even then the offer was not accepted and finally a local contractor, Mr. W. J. Carter, was found to undertake the work the engineer's figures. He will give the necessary guarantees and there is every reason to believe that the work will be sat-

isfactorily done. The incident, which redounds very much to the credit of Engineer Keely, is instructive, as showing how well it pays the city to have in its positions of heavy responsibility men who are thoroughly qualified to look after its interests.

The news that the Edmonton city debentures, amounting to in the neighborhood of \$900,000, have been sold on the London market, with no difficulty whatever at 101, is very cheering. It indicates that the credit of the city is excellent and that the general financial situation shows a distinct improvement. These debentures, which carried five per cent, were sold by the city to the Coates Bank at 96. The sale of the previous lot last autumn realized 93 to the city, while they were disposed of at par in London.

The American-Canadian Oil Co. franchise carried with comparative ease last Monday, the vote standing 1111 to 273. Why it should have been turned down in the first place the Saturday News could never understand. Second thoughts were evidently best thoughts. The operations of the company will now be watched with interest. If they are able to realize their claims, they should confer a great boon on the city.

The monthly report of the city medical health officer shows that the Isolation Hospital is proving its value. Another nurse has had to be added to the staff. Two cases of tuberculosis have been treated in a well-heated tent near the main building. Negotiations are in progress with the provincial authorities with a view to having the city reimbursed for the care of these. The history of the institution has not been such as to inspire any large degree of confidence on the part of the public and many false impressions undoubtedly prevail as to its usefulness. The record of the work now being done should, however, dispel all doubt. One of Dr. Whitelaw's recommendations is that the charges be reduced. It is certainly only right and proper that these should be kept at a minimum. A person goes to an isolation hospital not so much for his own good as for the good of the community at large and the burden upon him should consequently be as light as possible.

The fund being raised to aid Thomas Somerset, who lost his sight and was otherwise very seriously injured in a dynamite explosion at a mine north of the city some time ago is one that should be largely subscribed for. Between \$300 and \$400 has been already donated but at least \$1000 is desired. Mr. Somerset is a machinist and with the necessary means will be enabled to commence in the repair business. Lists are being held by Mr. John Macdonald, Mr. James McGeorge, the Imperial Bank, the Merchants' Bank, the Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Montreal and the Bank of Nova Scotia.

The new steel traffic bridge at Medicine Hat was thrown open to the public on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. This bridge spans the South Saskatchewan and is the largest traffic bridge in the province of Alberta. The bridge consists of five 203-foot spans with two 50 foot approaches. The cost of constructing this bridge was \$250,000. The bridge will be illuminated at night by ten 850 candle power gas lamps, which will burn natural gas.

An attempt was made to wreck the late train on the C.P.R. near Ellerslie on Friday last, two ties being placed on the rails. The engine thrust them aside.

A final settlement of the difficulties in connection with the Edmonton Hotel Co. has been reached. The partnership between Messrs. York and Seord has been dissolved. Mr. York will assume the ownership of the Alberta, Windsor and Yale hotels and Mr. Seord that of the King Edward.

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During the summer of 1861 marvelous stories of the wealth of Cariboo had reached Victoria. From Victoria the stories were spread far and near. All America and Europe were stirred by the reports and soon parties of excited men and women began to arrive in the hope of drawing rich prizes in the golden lottery. Business, which, upon the partial failure of the Fraser river diggings, had languished, began to revive and unmistakable signs of prosperity manifested themselves.

Victoria being, as I have said, the chief mart, was the first to feel the revivifying influence of the gold news. Fraser River had proved rich in spots, but the spots were shallow and the general outflow was bad. Cariboo, it was suggested, had rich top to bottom, and fabulous wealth, it was said, awaited those who had the pluck and endurance to test the golden sands. Under the stimulus of an increasing population hope was revived in despiring hearts and empty stores and houses were again occupied and the streets of the little town began to present a lively appearance once more. The commerce of the port grew. A curtain of hopeless lethargy was succeeded by a state of business smartness and activity. The arrivals of vessels with passengers and cargoes of merchandise and mining tools became frequent, and as steam communication was infrequent, much of the carrying trade was entrusted to sailing vessels that required from ten to fifteen days to make the run.

Just where Finlayson's block stands on Wharf street, there stood in 1862 a wooden building and wharf called St. Ours, named after the owner. At St. Ours wharf cargoes were landed and distributed to the various consignees. The condition of the harbor at that time was such that only light draught vessels could enter and discharge and then only at extreme high water. The harbor improvements since that day have been many. Rocks and shoals have disappeared and many dangerous places have been made smooth, while buoys mark the one-time intricate channel. The harbor pilots handled the sail vessels committed to their care with as much ease and skill as if they were steamers.

Early one morning, the middle of January, 1862, a large schooner bright with newness and with sails as white as snow, advanced leisurely into the harbor, threaded her way through the crooked channel and coming to an anchor off St. Ours' wharf was speedily washed along side. At her masthead the schooner displayed a beautiful blue burgee on which appeared the name of the vessel, "Tolo," in white letters.

The captain's and owner's name was Maloney, and he reported ten passengers and a full cargo of merchandise. The captain's wife was among the passengers. She was a tall, handsome woman with dark hair and pleasant manners.

This was the first trip of the Tolo. She had been built expressly for the trade between San Francisco and the Sound, to bring miscellaneous cargoes of goods and take back lumber. The captain's wife explained

that all they had in the world was invested in the Tolo, and that having by her presence brought him good luck on the up-trip she intended to return to San Francisco on the main steamer then due.

"I left the children behind," she said, "and cannot stay away from them any longer."

The Tolo remained two days in port and was the object of general admiration, for the cabins were handsomely furnished and finished in redwood and cedar and all the appointments were new and good.

The chief mate was named Francis J. Burns. He was a young man of pleasing appearance and bearing and was exceedingly proud of the handsome vessel. The Tolo left Victoria loaded with lumber for San Francisco, on a certain bright morning in January, 1862. The captain's wife stood on St. Ours' wharf with many others and watched the vessel as she sailed out.

The last farewell had been said and as the breeze kissed the pretty barge that flew from the mast-head, Mrs. Maloney remarked that she had made the flag with her own hands. "It was my present to the Tolo. It was not much, but it was all that I had to give," said she.

Mrs. Maloney departed on the next steamer for San Francisco, and other events crowded the smart schooner, her Captain and genial mate from my mind until five days later, when they were recalled by a startling incident. A small schooner arrived in the harbor from the Sound. She had on board three men who had been taken from the wreck of a vessel that floated bottom up in Rosario Straits, not far from San Juan Island. The wrecked vessel proved to be the beautiful Tolo and the rescued men were Chief Mate Burns and two seamen named Petersen and John Sullivan.

They reported that on the fourth night after leaving Victoria a squall struck the Tolo and she capsized. Capt. Maloney and six of the crew were not seen after the vessel went over and the survivors managed to clamber on the bottom and stay there until relieved. The feet of the two sailors were badly frostbitten and they were admitted to the Royal Hospital, which then stood on the present site of the Marine Hospital, where several toes were amputated. The sailors stated that but for the gallantry of Chief Mate Burns and his encouraging words they would have given up hope and died. The mate, not content with inspiring the men, took off part of his clothing and gave it to Sullivan. On two occasions Sullivan was washed off and both times was rescued by Burns. For three days and nights the poor fellows, who were without food, drifted about the Straits. On the morning of the third day they were sighted by the small schooner that brought them to Victoria. Before abandoning the wreck, Mr. Burns wished to remain, in the hope that the schooner might be righted and something saved for the owner's family. The rescuers would not hear of this and forced him to embark.

"If there's any money to be made out of this we'll make it," said one of the rescuers. "You're nothing but three foreign dogs anyhow. You won't live and we might better throw you overboard and seize the Tolo as our property."

Sullivan and Peterson recovered after a long detention at the hospital. Petersen went to San Francisco and Sullivan to Seattle. Captain Burns went to Port Lindlow, where he took command of a new barque, the Forest Queen, and sailed for many years in the lumber trade, finally retiring to engage in business at Seattle.

As he was now a cripple, Sullivan got light work to do and as he was a thrifty man he soon had sufficient means to enable him to buy a vacant lot on First avenue. Seattle was then a straggling village with 200 or 300 inhabitants. Sullivan prospered with the place and in the course of a few years was able to place a pretentious six story build-

ing on the lot which is now situated in the busiest section of the great city.

From 1862 to 1893, a period of 31 years, the writer did not meet Sullivan, but in the summer of the latter year he met him hobbling up and down in front of his fine block. He was then quite an old man and limped painfully, needing a cane, the result of the loss of his toes at the Royal Hospital. He recalled the circumstances of the wreck of the Tolo as an unfortunate affair for everyone but himself. "To me," he added, "it meant a fortune. My crippled condition prevented me returning to the sea and so I came here and am now worth \$250,000."

About five years ago Sullivan died without having made a will. Then began a contest for the possession of the property. Presumptive heirs came from all over the land. Several families whose name was Sullivan put in claims for the estate.

A young lady to whom he had paid marked attention, claimed the property because of a verbal promise to marry her, made just before his death. The estate by this time had increased in value until it was worth \$1,000,000. The litigation extended over several years and only a week or two ago the courts decided in favor of certain claimants and ordered the property to be turned over to them.

The attorneys for the successful parties are the legal firm of which U. S. Senator Piles is the head. The firm took the case, championing it being legalized in Washington territory as well as here, on the understanding that should they win one-half the estate should go to them. Having succeeded, their fee is \$500,000, believing, I believe, the largest fee ever received by counsel in any country in the world.

Capt. Burns, whose gallantry and humanity saved Sullivan's life, died four years ago at Seattle, respected and beloved by all. His widow still survives him and always refers with pride to her husband's conduct towards his comrades on the wreck.—D. W. Higgins in Victoria Colonist.

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With the Investor

(Continued from page 2) has recently been raised that market gardening should receive closer attention. It has been pointed out that the consumers in this city pay hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for vegetables, butter, eggs, poultry and other farm commodities which must be imported at heavy expense from various parts of Canada and the United States. The advisability of producing this stuff nearer home is being borne in upon some of the farmers who live within easy distance of Winnipeg, and who should be in a position to supply it regularly. Suburban lots have been sold for residential location at points some miles out of the city within the past couple of years, even though there is no likelihood of their being devoted to building purposes during the life of this generation. It is seriously proposed to devote some of these expansive areas to the production of vegetables and other garden truck, and there is no reason why the venture should not be profitable and beneficial to the owners, the workers, and to the city at large.

An option has been secured from B. T. Huycyke on the south-west corner of Jasper and Fifth, giving 106 2/3 feet on Jasper and 150 on Fifth street, the price asked being \$55,000. It is proposed to erect a large hotel on the site. If the project goes through, it will mean one more step in the extension of the business section of the city westwards. The company of promoters is represented by Mr. F. M. Lammie, formerly of the Hotel Cecil.

The annual meeting of the St. Jean Baptiste Society of Edmonton was held on Sunday afternoon in the assembly room of the Separate School. About eighty members were present. The election of officers and directors for the ensuing year under the new constitution was proceeded with and resulted as follows: Hon. president, Senator Roy; president, J. M. Denehe; vice president, August Lessard; secretary, Louis Madore; treasurer, J. E. Theriault; directors, J. H. Picard, L. J. A. Lambert, Emile Tessier and J. H. Gariepy.

A telegram was sent to Hon. Senator Roy, who is in Ottawa, informing him of his election as honorary president of the society.

The question of the contribution of the society to the fund for the preservation of Canadian battlefields was left in the hands of the board of directors, who will vote a certain amount and either send it direct or give it to the Canadian Club, to be forwarded with the Edmonton subscription.

A man named Kinnealey, a squatter near Fort Assinboine, 200 miles to the northwest of Edmonton, is missing. He left home a month ago to secure provisions in Edmonton. Two timber inspectors found Kinnealey's wife and four children in a state of destitution. On their reporting the matter to Immigration Agent Sutter, Guide Tuttle was sent out to bring the family to the city.

Ald Lee has been appointed the representative of the Edmonton council on the exhibition board.

Strathcona Council has granted the Board of Trade in that city \$1000 in addition to the \$500 due from last year and the \$700 towards the cost of the exhibit at the Dominion Fair in Calgary.

Some labor difficulties which were impeding the work at the new parliament buildings have been satisfactorily adjusted.

Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, superintendent of Baptist missions, preached in the Baptist churches of Edmonton and Strathcona on Sunday last.

Work on the packing plant, on the eastern border of Edmonton, will be resumed towards the end of the month.

The Supreme Court is holding its first sitting en banc in Edmonton this week.

Lieut-Col. Edwards is in receipt of a letter from the Militia Department, stating that the question of an infantry regiment in Edmonton will not be taken up till 1884-85.

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The Canadian Club will hold its regular luncheon at Crom's Club on Monday at one o'clock. The speaker of the day will be Mr. F. Stevens, secretary of the Alberta Farmers' Association and associate editor of the Alberta Homestead. Mr. Stevens is a man who has accomplished a very great deal in connection with the above Association during the past few years and what he will have to say regarding its work and agricultural progress in general in this part of the west, will be well worth listening to. He is an excellent speaker and a thorough student of public affairs, and his address is being eagerly looked forward to.

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high class workmanship that has made the Bell famous. The case is in double veneer mahogany and is richly ornamented with hand carvings. The readers of the Saturday News are cordially invited by the management to visit their place of business and see this splendid tribute.

There are two places in the West Junction on the Canadian Pacific to which the recent death of Lord Dunmore was of special interest, the occasion of the name Moose Jaw

being given to the flourishing Western town, for where it is situated he mended the wheel of his Red River cart with the jawbone of a bear which had slain the Indians, killed him the "One-eyed Chief," as he had lost the sight of one eye by a shooting accident.

What the experience of a year has demonstrated to the People of Edmonton



ELVE months ago the past month, the News Publishing Company entered the general printing business. Previous to that time, The Saturday News had been printed by contract. When we decided to instal our own plant it was with the declared object of giving the paper the best typographical appearance of any paper in the west, and at the same time turning out general job printing that could not be excelled in this part of the country. Most complete and up-to-date machinery was purchased and none but experts were employed on our mechanical staff. As a proof of the success we have met in carrying out our plans, we have only to refer to the Saturday News, as it has been issued week after week, and to the large and ever increasing body of those who entrust their printing to our hands.

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It is satisfactory to learn that steps have been taken to secure a representation of Alberta at the World's Olympic games in London. Messrs D. L. Darroch and D. Mason were in Edmonton this week, interviewing the government with a view to securing a grant in aid of the project. They received much encouragement from the Premier and the plans will be gone ahead with. It is proposed to make polo team the principal feature. This is a wise step. While polo is played by a comparatively small section of the population, it is the game in which Alberta has come into the greatest prominence. Our polo players are undoubtedly the best on the continent. Then there is this consideration, that the number in a team compared with those required in other games is small, while those who play would probably not be altogether dependent on the general fund for their expenses.

Burn of Calgary will probably be available as a cross country runner and before the games are due, rivals of his may develop in other parts of the province. The Edmonton Y.M.C.A. is taking up this branch of sport and should bring out some good material.

The Vancouver Province says: "The Australian cricket team, which is going to compete in the Olympic sports in England this coming summer, will go to the Old Country by way of Canada, and according to information received from the Commonwealth the team desires to arrange a number of fixtures in the Dominion during May and June. It is proposed to play in Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Montreal, Ottawa, and Halifax."

"The visit of the Australians will be discussed at the annual meeting of the Vancouver Cricket Club, champions of the Pacific Northwest. It is likely that an invitation will be forwarded to Australia for a fixture with the local club.

"The visit of the Australian team after the great success achieved by Australia against the visiting English team, which is just bringing its tour to a close, will be eagerly awaited by local enthusiasts. It will be the bright feature of the local season, which would otherwise be rather quiet this summer after the big tournament of last year. Victoria has the tourney this season and the local club will have to defend its title of champions at the capital."

This is good news and shows once more the necessity of getting the cricketers of Alberta organized, so that they may put a team in the field to meet the Australians as they pass through.

Cambridge won the boat race again, Oxford being three lengths behind. By its succession of victories, it is bringing the two universities very nearly on terms of equality, so far as the record goes. Oxford has now won 33 and Cambridge 29 times. Seven of the latter's victories have been in the past ten years.

The Capital Lacrosse Club was reorganized on Tuesday night with the following officers: Patrons, His Honour Lt. Gov. G. H. V. Bulyen Hon. Frank Oliver, J. H. Hyndman, Mayor J. A. McDougall, Chas. May, A. C. Fraser, J. H. Morris, W. A. Griesbach, Hon. pres., C. W. Cross, Hon. vice president, Dr. W. A. Wilson, Hon. 2nd vice president, Dr. B. Burgess.

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The final schedule of the Western Canada Turf Association has drawn up in Calgary last week as follows: April 21, 22, 23; Calgary, May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22; Calgary, May 25, 26; Claresholm, May 28; Pinecroft, no date; Lethbridge, June 3, 4; Medicine Hat, no date; Maple Creek, no date; High River, no date; Red Deer, no date; Strathcona, no date; Edmonton, June 23, 24, 25, 26; Calgary, June 29 to July 9; Brandon, July 13, 14, 15, 16; Winnipeg, July 13 to 17; 14th horseman's wish; Vegreville, July 28, 29, 30; Moosejaw, August 4, 5, 6, 7; Weyburn, August 4, 5, 6, 7; Wolseley, no date; Indian Head, no date; Prince Albert, August 18, 19, 20; Saskatoon, August 25, 26, 27, 28; Regina, no date; Maple Creek, no date.

Those towns where no date has yet been fixed for a meet will have races on dates fixed by the stewards.

The constitution adopted will be practically a copy of the Pacific Jockey club rules, which all the east circuits are racing. The racing rules of the American Trotting association will govern the harness events on the circuit.

The stewards appointed were Messrs Moodie of Calgary, Alexander of Saskatoon, Martin of Moosejaw, Stewart of Edmonton, and Humphries of Lethbridge. The first three will hold office for two years and the last two will lie in office for one year.

That popular horseman, Dr. Bell, resigned from the vice presidency of the association because Manitoba was not in the circuit, and the meeting regrettably accepted the resignation, as it could hardly be proper for the vice president of the association to be in a province which has no representation in the circuit.

A meeting to organize a Y.M.C.A. Tennis Club will be held on Monday evening the 13th, at 8 o'clock sharp in the Y.M.C.A.

The Edmonton Y.M.C.A. are arranging for a road race from St. Al

bert to Edmonton to be run on Monday the 25th May, open to all bona fide amateurs. Particulars can be obtained from the secretary, F. W. Ward or Mr. Jackson, physical director.

AN AWFUL SPECTACLE.

The second and concluding volume of "A Staff Officer's Scrapbook During the Russo-Japanese War," by Lieut.-Gen. Sir Ian Hamilton, of the British army, is fully as brilliant and readable as its predecessor. We find the author boldly preaching the doctrine that war is the school of all the virtues, and hence the breeding place of all the vices. Yet he gives us this picture of 203 Motor Hill a few days after the capture of the Japanese.

"At a glance it springs to the eyes that this is not an ordinary hill. It has been fairly tortured out of its shape by human agencies, and on its blasted and shot-scarred surface there is not so much as one dried blade of grass, nothing to break the uniformity of the devil's ploughing to mud-and-sand bogs or the long, yellow splashes left by the bursting of the high explosive shells. The manner of the devil's ploughing is thus: First the hill has been sliced innumerable deep gashes, and then these trenches and their dividing walls have been smashed and pounded and crushed into a shapeless jumble of stones, rock splinters and fragments of shells cemented with human flesh and blood. A man's head sticking up out of the earth, or a log, or an arm, or a piece of a man's body lying across my path, are sights which custom has enabled me to face without blanching. But here the corpses do not so much appear to be escaping from the ground as to be the ground itself. Everywhere there are bodies, or portions of bodies, flattened out and stamped into the surface of the earth, as if they formed part of it. The very walls are built of alternated layers of frozen corpses and sandbags."

Despite his careful and unceasing study of the Japanese, they remained an enigma. They never swaggered or boasted after a victory; they had expected it all the time. Their remarks concerning themselves were modest, even deprecatory; they had "so much yet to learn from the west." Yet Gen. Hamilton detected evidences of an actual feeling of superiority on their part.

A LONDON G N PALACE'S DAY
(Canon Horsey.)

An experienced temperance worker, a lady, with two assistants, hired a room last month opposite a public house in Lambeth, and provided with appliances for speedy and accurate counting, they noted and recorded the number of those who entered during a great part of one day—namely, from 10.30 a.m. to 1, and from 1.45 p.m. to midnight.

During the time—it was a Saturday—into that house there went 1,182 men, 1,287 women, 107 children, 111 babies; total, 2,687.

Had the observations been made all day it would probably have brought up the number to well over the 3,000 for a single house in Lambeth.

Of the four periods into which the watchers divided the day, the women were in excess in all but one. Thus:

10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.—117 men and 99 women.

1.45 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.—294 men and 300 women.

6.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.—366 men and 417 women.

10 p.m. and midnight—405 men and 471 women.

These last two hours of drinking are admittedly the most unnecessary and the most noxious. During them occur the most furious drinking, and from just before closing time on Saturday night comes the greatest proportion of violent assaults and even murders, as chief constables have often pointed out.

In this instance, typical of what goes on in hundreds of similar places in poor districts, there were 66 more women than men thus spending the last two hours of the day and week, and they brought with them 49 children.

The sands of the Saskatchewan and other mountain streams return to the laborer with the gold pan more than fair wages. Some years ago a dredge was working in the vicinity of Edmonton. Different areas in the foot hills have been producing rich quartz and every year appear reports of new discoveries of this wealth. The latest report is a find in the Yellowhead Pass, on the line of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway survey, which promises as rich returns as any yet discovered anywhere. A later discovery is to the effect that the river sands contain that rarest of minerals, platinum, and a dredge is being operated on it. The country tributary to the Smoky River has been known for many years as a land bearing gold. The early traders used to frequently bring back gold nuggets picked up in the ashes of their camp fires.

TENDERS

Sealed tenders addressed to the Deputy Minister of Public Works, Edmonton and endorsed "Tenders for Telephone Signaling" will be received until 12 o'clock noon, April 30th. Bills of material and specifications, covering the necessary wire and other material for some 700 miles of rural lines, may be had at the Public Works Department, Edmonton, or the office of the Inspector of Public Works, Arranging Block, Calgary. The successful tenderer will be expected to enter into a contract for the prompt delivery of material at points designated and to put up a guarantee bond of 10 per cent of contract price as a guarantee of performance of contract. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or waive any defects.

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THE DEBUTANTE PLAYS BRIDGE.

Let's see . . . what's trumps? Oh Grace, your hat's dear, And so becoming, too . . . Girls, did you hear? That Clara Cotrox is engaged at last And to a Count, with a dreadful Past! And not a penny to his titled name? (I do believe; it's such a clever game.)

Let's see, what's trumps?

There's Catherine over there And entre nous, I hear she dyes her hair And paints; but I might, too, with such a face (Oh, partner, did I really trump your ace?)

Who is that freak three tables to the right?

I saw her at the Wilbur Browns' last night;

Some parvenu, no doubt, and goodness knows I think a blacksmith must design her clothes.

(Are hearts or diamonds trumps? Oh, that's a fact,

It's clubs.)

Some girls are so devoid of tact;

That Carlton creature in the last year's hat Just makes me mad as mad—she's such a cat,

And nearly snaps your head off if you don't Keep absolutely dumb;—of course, I won't.

Oh, girls, Jack's so devoted it's a joke.

He's quite my shadow.—What! did I revoke?

Well, anyway, I think it's mean to take

Three tricks from me for just that small mistake.

Bridge bores me frightfully, I'm bound to say,

Though Jack says its astounding how I play,

Why will some hostesses invite 'such trumps?

Oh, dear, my lead again?—Let's see . . . what's trumps?

—Puck.

"Well, little one," said the kindly old man, "what are you going to be when you grow to be a man?"

"I guess I'll be a freak," replied the child. "A freak? Why?"

"Cause I'm a little girl."

"Come," said the clever skater at the Thistle Rink trying to teach Klumsy the backward roll; "it's easy. Don't be afraid to throw your body well over. All you've got to do is go 'way back—"

"And sit down. Yes, I can do that, but it hurts.

"I haven't found a good name for that new yacht of mine."

"Why not call it the Kiss?"

"But—er—how is that appropriate?"

"Well, it's nothing but a smack."

"Say," asked the first messenger boy, "got any novels ter swoop?"

"I got Big Foot Bill's Revenge," replied the other.

"Is it a long story?"

"Naw! ye kin finish it easy it two messages."

"Aren't you going home?" asked a club member.

"Not for several days," answered a friend. "I'm going to give my family a chance to forget. You see, mother and the girls have been trying to educate me to an appreciation of classical music. This afternoon I heard a terrific racket on the piano, so, being anxious to please, I half closed my eyes and said: 'Isn't it perfectly beautiful!'"

"Wasn't that all right?"

"No; it was the piano tuner."

Dictionary doesn't suggest humor, yet Prof. Skeat has written some decidedly humorous verses on his friend's Dr. Murray's task in preparing the most complete dictionary on record. He has only finished three letters up to the present and it doesn't look as if the great English student had the remotest chance of completing the work himself, for he isn't a young man. Here are Prof. Skeat's effusions:

TO DR. MURRAY ON COMPLETING LETTER C.

Wherever the English speech is spread

And the Union Jack flies free, The news will be gratefully, proudly read.

That you've conquered your A, B, C!

But I fear it will come

As a shock to some.

That the sad result will be

That you're taking to double and double and doze,

To dollar and dums, and worse than those

to danger and drink,

And shocking to think

To words that begin with THE WORDS IN D.

Those words in D! A dismal, dreary dose!

Here dilatory dandies dandling doze,

Dull dunces dog our steps and dreadful dume.

Dolours and dragons, donkeys, dolts, and dupes,

Devils and demons, and "the dreaded name

of Demogorgon" Dirks and daggers haunt,

Dank dandelions flourish, dampness daunts

Depression and dejection drag us down,

Dread desolation dwells, and dire delay,

Disaster, disappointment, disarray,

Defeat, disintegration, and despair,

Disease, decay, delirium, darkness, death!

Yet through the darkest dens of dimmest doubt

Dogged determination drives its way,

Dilemmas yield to diligence at last,

Deliberation dissipates dispute,

Dismay is dashed with draughts of dear delight,

Deft dainty dances, and delicious dreams!

The power to do one's duty still survives,

Still dawns the day, divine dominion rules.

The traveller had missed the bus to Strathearn and had run the distance over. When he got to the top of the hill, he was out of breath. Anxiously hailing a small boy, he enquired:

"Can you tell me, my little man, the quickest way to the station?"

"Run, you fool!" was the reply.

A young lady who had been ill wrote to her fiance:

"Dear One, your birdie has been very sick. It was some sort of nervous trouble, and the doctor said I must think of nothing, absolutely nothing.

Dear One, how much I missed you. I thought only of you, and now I am well again."

After reading it the young man sat for a long time silent.

"Dat boy," said the negro sadly, as he proceeded to administer to little Ephraim Rustus his eighth spanking in the last three days, "is a mighty bad boy. He's de white sheep ob do family."

At the boxing exhibition held on Monday night Detective Griffith was present under instructions from the Attorney-General and insisted that eight ounce instead of six ounce gloves be used. None of the former could be secured, so ten ounce were called into requisition.

It has been decided to reduce the Edmonton water rate to \$1.20 per month for a six roomed house. For each additional room the rate is \$1 per year extra.

A dynamite explosion was responsible for the death of a man named Peterson at Parson's camp near Vermilion on Saturday last.

Rev. Joseph Coulter B.A., formerly of London, Ont., has assumed the assistant pastorate of McDougall Methodists church, Edmonton, in association with Rev. Edson E. Marshall, B.A.

Rev. Mr. Sneyd was ordained to the pastorate of Syndicate Avenue Baptist Church, Edmonton, on Sunday.

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(Alice Fleming, in the Academy, London.)

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No luck comes where the eyes are green.'

Take that, if folly an' turn it strayin'.

Green is the luckiest color seen,

Isn't grass green for the eyes to rest in?

Arnt the trees of the same sweet hue?

Mind you this, when she starts her jestin',

I'd love you less if your eyes were blue.'

What was my little brother shoutin'?

'Hair that ud match our red cow's tail.'

I'll be with him an' stop his mouth.'

With a kind little word from the tip of a nail.

You, with your hair where the sunshine shines.

Like the autumn light on the beechen treek.

Is it me would be wantin' changes?

'I'd love you less if your hair was black.'

What was my poor old mother croakin'?

'Never a cow and hens but few.'

Widows, Cushie, is sore provokin'.

Tis often all that they've left to do.

She, with her lame back, there at her knittin'.

Angry with pain, and said to be old—

Mind you this, when she starts her twittin':

'I'd love you less were you hung with gold.'

MAINLY ABOUT PARSONSESSES, BUT HAVING A GENERAL REFERENCE TO ALL WIVES,

In the first place, let me confess it. I wouldn't be a Parsoness, in other words a Reverend lady, for all the money or advantages the world has to offer. Primarily the congregation would probably not stand for it. (I believe they are not backward in expressing their views as to their clergyman's selection of a life partner, and in the second place I couldn't stand the strain of the congregation and the situation.

I am brought to write this, not to disparage Parson's wives, and their great work, but rather to call attention to the tremendous influence they exert, either in making or marrying their husband's position.

Now, all wives, doctor's, lawyer's, banker's, merchant's, politician's, have it in their power to bring into contempt the husband who have selected them as helpers. If more men realized this, there would be fewer miserable marriages, for the average young marrying man has ambitions of his own and has no intention of forever remaining in the humble position which he occupies when he stands at the altar. In the dim future he sees himself a big man in his profession, and if he marries a girl who can't rise with his advance then indeed you have your tragedy ready made for you.

But while every wife exercises no small degree of influence on her husband's career, a parson's wife is the making or breaking of him. A doctor or a solicitor's wife need not be brought in contact with her husband's patients or clients, and it's the wise woman she is, if she avoids doing so, but a clergyman's wife occupies a position of publicity from the very fact that she is one. The doctor's wife may wear any bonnet she chooses, but the parson's wife's bonnet will be talked over at the sewing circle; its price will be compared with his income; its suitability will be judged not by the pretty ladylike head that wears it, but by her husband's black coat.

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simple practical Christianity.

Personally I have never seen why such a sweet, understandable story as that of the Cross and our redeemer, should have to be taken up under so many multitudinous heads and sub-divisions, and require such a different tone of voice for its exposition.

I think I could persuade my preacher that if I hadn't sufficient theological education to criticize his sermons I had sufficient good sense to make me a valuable critic from a layman's point of view.

"A prudent wife is from the Lord," says Solomon—and the poor fellow never found one. If the minister has a prudent wife she will manage him as all other men's wives manage them, but let her not try to manage the parish.

"A wife, but a curate—curate to be. And just here certain other wives, main popular, must stay single. might take their tips. The foolish

woman who knows too much and interferes, is the worst millstone any man, I care not who he be, can hang around his neck, and no husband, however capable and deserving, can ever hope to rise and attain to anything, so long as he drives with her in double harness.

For a rector or vicar on the other hand to remain celibate is to court even greater danger. Where would such a man be when put up against the question "when should I shorten the baby, dear Mr. —?" or some of the sweet match-making ladies of his parish, ask his opinion of "that charming Miss Phillimore" so suitable you know, dear Rector, for somebody's wife?"

Indeed I state it as final, a rector is under a graven duty to take care that the lady whom he takes for better or worse is keenly interested in his work let him beware of marrying a female curate.

My clergyman's lady should be a lady, but not a society queen. She should be so certain of her social position that she would feel no hesitation in inviting to her house her chancery woman did circumstances warrant it. As her husband belongs not to one rank in society, but to all, so his wife, without stepping out of the circumstances in which she was born, enters with her husband into mansion and cottage, everybody's friend.

And again my parsoness should have the courage of her personal convictions. Because she happened to marry a clergyman should not mean with her that she felt compelled to dance attendance on every muffin struggle and bazaar, the church save fit to organize, nor derive her own little family on every possible occasion, in order that she might donate a roost here, a subscription there, a something everywhere. Because a parson and his lady are worthy Christians is no reason why they should be "held up" eternally. I don't see why, being the shepherd of a spiritual flock should mean that a minister and his family should ever have a microscope trained on their most trivial action.

Personally I should have my pretty hat, knowing the power of the saucy things—I should do my best to keep my man human enough to notice me. In that I would do all I could to help the dear fellow along in his work, but I wouldn't be a hypocrite to save my soul.

A woman's first duty is as a wife and mother. After that the church and the world and the distractions and benefactions thereof, have their secondary place.

And again if I were a parsoness I would keep a lee eye on my dear boy's pulpit manners. Never should I permit the ranting, tearing, utterance of some misguided men, nor on the other hand the hopping around like a jumping Jack of some energy I have known. My preacher would forswear the dying duck in a thunderstorm delivery of some misguided ecclesiastics, and give us less of Jonah and the Whale and more of ready made for you.

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HOME AND SOCIETY

To London Town from Babylon
The pageant of the world goes by
For you, for you, I pause and con
A Standley-By

At a special meeting of the Westward Ho chapter of the Daughters of the Empire, held at Mrs. Taylor's residence on 4th street on Wednesday, it was decided to proceed with the arrangements for the annual Ball Poudre to be held on Empire Day, which, however, falling on a Saturday, will, this year, be held on Friday, May 2nd, dancing of course going on into the real Empire Day, the 23rd. Committees were appointed and arrangements all but concluded to hold the dance in the Separate School hall on Third street, which accommodates three hundred dancers very comfortably. It was also decided to formally present the large Union Jack flag which the Chapter are donating to the Alexander Taylor school in compliment to the long and devoted services of the man from whom it was named, Mr. Alexander Taylor, on Thursday afternoon next at the school at half past two o'clock, a distinguished military officer being asked to make the presentation. The flag is a handsome one, eighteen by nine feet, and it is hoped by the donors will be an inspiration to every girl and boy over whom it will wave, to fine, upright, noble deeds, and true patriotism.

It is a matter of regret to the Daughters of the Empire generally, and this Chapter in particular, that the flying of the National emblem is not made compulsory over every school in the land.

Credit to whom credit is due. I merely rise to remark that whereas great stress was laid by the City Council on last year's tremendous bill of expenses in connection with the scavenging department, the city scavenging carts at that time made a daily round of the lanes and removed all waste. For twelve days past NO cart has put in an appearance in my neighborhood. Refuse is being blown in all directions, ashes are accumulating. Incidentally we may be saving money but—I personally prefer pure air, no germs and tidy lanes. Who is responsible?

On Tuesday afternoon a meeting of the Golf Club was held at the residence of the vice-president, Mr. Seoble, the president, Mr. Bowker, being present and Mrs. Seoble in the chair. As the men control the administration of the club it was only necessary to elect tea committees, and a secretary to keep members informed of their "tee" dates.

A very large number who should have been present stayed away but among the faithful I noticed Mrs. Duncan Smith, Mrs. McPherson, Mrs. Jellett, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Biggar, Mrs. Bishopric, Mrs. Rolfe, Mrs. Donald W. Macdonald, Mrs. Swanson, Miss Shibley, and Miss Mary Harris.

The ladies tea committee (I write from memory) was formed as follows: Mrs. Seoble, Mrs. Balmer Watt, Mrs. Jellett, Mrs. Barnes, Mrs. Bishopric, Mrs. Rolfe and Mrs. Barnes.

The girls tea committee to be composed of: Miss Shibley, Miss Mary Harris, Miss Perkins, and Miss Constance Rhodes.

Mrs. McPherson was appointed ladies secretary.

It was decided to open the golf season with a luncheon and tea on Easter Monday, the regular tea to then proceed as usual every Saturday.

After the meeting Mrs. Seoble very kindly served tea and members dispersed.

Miss Pilot of St. John's N.B., is again a welcome visitor in town.

Miss Beatrice Beck leaves shortly after Easter for a visit in Winnipeg, being a guest part of the time of Mrs. Wilmett Strathy, formerly of Edmonton.

Have you seen the new Merry Widow bows? if not keep an eye open for the first distracting spreading knot of widow-bowed tulle or lace you may see caught jauntly at the throat of some of the smartest dressed women and then—if you want to be strictly it—go and hunt one for yourself.

The Merry Widows' generally seem to be having it all their own way, and will some one please send a thought the way of the ordinary, happily mated female. We don't insist on saucy hats or coquettish bows, but surely we might have a sober shoe lace or a staid black umbrella—something, anything, to carry our dame down a week hence.

And can any one tell me why widows are always merry, and widowers forever described as desirable. Why the slow languorous waltz that constitutes the hit of the opera, "The Merry Widow," has caused such a furore, and by the merry ladies seem to consider it necessary to become contortion artists to manage it at all, at all? Sounds like—"Why is a Crow?" Same answer? "Caws."

Speaking of tantalizing adjuncts for the well-dressed woman reminds me that I saw some ultra smart suits and skirts, lingerie waists and dainty belts and neckwear in Thompson's one day this week : the very latest creations of fickle Dame Fashion and particularly potent in luring the spare bills out of one's pocket book.

Miss Rodd's always smart and seductive spring bonnets were another attraction, and the parlors seemed full to overflowing of pretty women, waiting to be suitably batted.

Invitations are out for the annual ball of the Edmonton Hockey Club, in the Thistle Rink on Tuesday, April 21st. The patronesses are fourteen in number and include among them the names of some of the most prominent society hostesses.

The marriage of Mr. Archie Murray, second son of the late Captain J. Murray, Royal Artillery, to Miss Amy Swarbrick, daughter of W. Swarbrick, of Lloydminster, took place at All Saints' Church on March 31st. Mr. Herbert Turner and Miss Sheppard were the witnesses of the marriage. The Ven. Archdeacon Gray officiated.

Mrs. Campbell of 298, Eighth street, will not receive again on Thursdays; but Miss Campbell will hold open studio each Monday.

Mrs. Bulyea will receive at Government House for the last time this season on Thursday afternoon next, in about a month's time she and the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss Babbitt leave for a visit to Mrs. Bulyea's parental home in New Brunswick, where, by the way, she has not been for about five years. Returning about the time of the Calgary Fair, where she will join His Honor, they will open the Fair and then proceed to their summer home in Penobscot.

I saw some photos of the lovely spot recently, a perfect heart's desire of a summer home, in the most picturesque situation. After the exertions of the winter season, to a woman of Mrs. Bulyea's delicate constitution Penobscot must seem to beckon as a haven of rest and happy care-free existence.

Incidentally I have heard scores of other weary winter hostesses, laying fascinating plans for the summer's outing, in the mountains, by the lakes, or just going back home to rest; or between us to my mind, one of the very nicest ways.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross have taken the Cowan's cottage on Mr. Cowan's island out of Victoria, where by the way, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Woods and their family last year summered. Mr. and Mrs. Woods have again secured their last year's cottage. So it goes. Every one apparently intends making a flitting, foolish soul! when summer time in Edmonton is one of the most delightful experiences that could come one's way. For myself I prefer a jaunt in winter when the theatres beckon woefully and when enter-

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On Thursday evening the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Bulyea entertained at a small dinner at Government House when covers were laid for twelve, and the table was beautifully arranged with a birch bark canoe Indian with featherly white spiree and gay golden daffodils, in a bed of moss, sitting away on a long mirror base to dear know what happy shores, floating on by the light of golden shaded candle lights.

Mrs. Bulyea received her guests in a lovely Empire satin gown of palest mauve, with flight and elaborate ornamentation of exquisite Limerick lace. With this were worn some handsome pearl jewels. Miss Babbitt, looking so well and pretty after her recent illness, had a charming toilette of broad satin striped pink silk, such a soft shade, made in Empire fashion with a deep border of some fancy lace.

The guests who had the honor of being present were: Mr. and Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Woods, Mr. and Mrs. Balmer Watt, Mr. Chief Justice Sifton, and Dr. Braithwaite.

Mrs. Turnbull had on a most becoming frock of white silk voile with lace and medallion garniture, and Mrs. Woods looked very handsome in a black jet sequinned robe, with a knot of crimson roses on the corsage.

On Monday evening I had the honor of being invited to the jolly dance given by the Rondeau Club in Rennie's Academy, but unfortunately was unable to be present. From some of the guests who were there though, I gather that the "party" was one of the merriest and most enjoyable that has taken place in this happily memorable rendezvous of many successful dances.

The decorations, report has it, eclipsed anything ever attempted at any private dance, the floor was excellent, and the music furnished by the Grand Theatre orchestra, was a real treat.

The patronesses of the pleasant affair were: Mrs. Farquharson, Mrs. Geo. Harecourt, Mrs. J. A. Hislop

who was unfortunately unable to be present, and Mrs. K. B. Mackenzie.

The committee: Messrs. Wilson, Shanks, Forson, Offord, Patterson, Casselman, Baillie, Kirkland, Mason and Gilpin.

Mrs. Spratt is being enthusiastically welcomed back to the little round of pleasures and duties once more by her very large circle of friends, who have missed her very much during her recent illness.

Mrs. Harold Brunton is the fortunate winner of the Senior Bridge Club's season's prize for the highest score made, as a result of the entire season's play. I believe the trophy was a handsome bronze jar. Whether a prize winner or no, Mrs. Brunton is probably the best lady Bridge player in Edmonton, her game quite equaling indeed that of any of the crack men players I have seen in town.

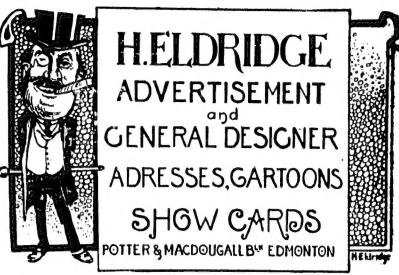
Mr. and Mrs. John Sommerville and their family moved to Eighth street between Jasper and Victoria avenues, and are now nicely settled in their new home. Col. Belcher has taken possession of the former Sommerville residence on Jasper avenue east, which I believe, he owns.

Mr. Little is getting right after the novelty business. He has placed a large order for souvenir cards of different kinds and just now has a very fine range of post cards of various kinds. He has the finest Easter cards ever published.

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